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## Drugs, paraphernalia displayed for Neighborhood Watch

Hoopeston's city hall looked like the scene of a drug party Tuesday.

A large bag of marijuana, along with crack, cocaine and pills, and the needed drug paraphernalia, were readily available.

City officials aren't trying to get residents hooked, however.

The display was part of the Neighborhood Watch program, presented by Hoopeston police chief Carl Valentine.

"We have a lot of parents who've never seen marijuana," Valentine said. "They don't know what it looks like and they don't know what it smells like."

Items on display included an empty carpet cleaner can. The bottom of the can had been altered to allow drug users to hide marijuana. A homemade knife made from a crescent wrench was also displayed.

Besides showing the items, Valentine spoke about laws concerning drug possession, especially vehicles and homes. "If the vehicle is in your name, you are responsible for what's in it," he said.

If a group of youngsters are riding in a car and drugs belonging to the driver are found, "if the others in the car don't 'fess up, everybody in the car can be charged with possession," he said.

Valentine also praised the Neighborhood Watch program. "I have seen more crimes solved with people in the Neighborhood Watch program that with officers on the street," he said.

Valentine encouraged the approximately 15 residents to bring a guest to the next meeting. "I challenge you to bring somebody," he said. "If you spread the word, I promise you I'll make this a successful program, with your help."

He also praised the police department. "You people have a good police department here," he said. "They are very, very qualified officers."

Changes in the department were also discussed, including officers using activity sheets.

Another change Valentine plans to start is having officers patrol the city in zones, which will avoid having on-duty officers in the same part of town. "You see that and you wonder, 'don't they have anything better to do than follow each other around,'" he said.

The new chief stressed that he wants input from residents: in reporting suspicious activity, as well as letting him know the good and bad that officers do.

"If you have a complaint on an officer, I want to know about it," he said. "I think you'll find I'll stand up for the officers as long as they're right."

## Briefly

### Hydrant flushing

The Hoopeston Water Department will flush fire hydrants this Friday, May 30. Flushing will begin at midnight and continue throughout the day.

### Boys take regional title

The Hoopeston Area boys baseball team earned their first regional title in the four years since

baseball began at the school.

The Cornjerkers won 4-0 Tuesday over Bismarck-Henning. Ramon Solis was credited with the win.

The team now faces Herscher in the Bloomington Central Catholic Sectional on Saturday.

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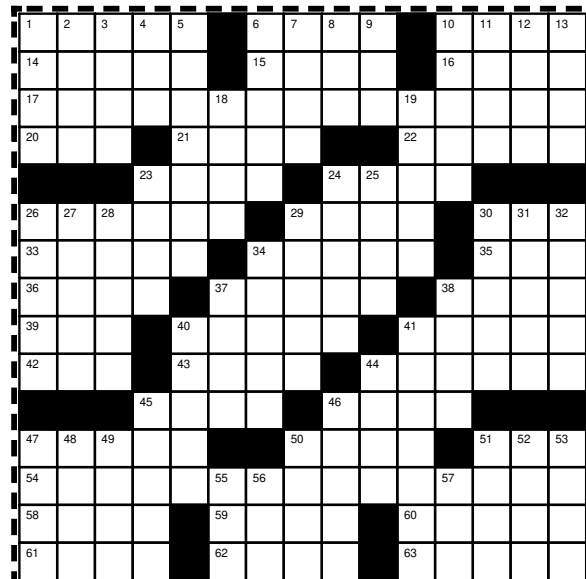
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## Police News



**Greg Anvick** claimed the keys found May 25.

**No tickets or injuries** were reported in an accident at 4:20 p.m. Tuesday at 511 W. Orange.

Police said Kayla J. Wilson, 715 S. Fifth Street, in a 1986 Buick, and Raymond M. Stump, 113 Maple Street, Rossville, were going down Orange. When traffic in front of them stopped, they were unable to do so, police said.

**Brent Burge**, 905 E. Wyman, reported Tuesday that while his pickup truck was parked at 219 W. Maple, the window was shot out by a bb gun.

## Obituaries

**YERGLER** - Glenn W. "Sam" Yergler, 72, of Muscatine, Iowa, formerly of Cissna Park, died Sunday, May 25, 1997, at home. Memorial services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at the Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna Park. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

## Across

1. Sheriff's men
6. Friendly talk
10. Make a sketch
14. Caper
15. Popular opera
16. City on the Tiber
17. Old Glory: 3 words
20. Doll or top
21. Time's 'impatient' companion
22. Occurrence
23. Woman
24. Recording material
26. Blame
29. 'Tears are Summer showers to the \_\_\_\_'
30. Quilting party
33. Cautious
34. Soft and fluffy
35. Was in a race
36. One of four on a car
37. Gentleman's

gentleman

38. 'Two Years Before the \_\_\_\_'
39. United
40. \_\_\_\_ War, 1861-65
41. Lid
42. Rodent
43. Sudden attack
44. Beautiful
45. Flood deposit
46. Use a 24-Down
47. Loses strength
50. Nautical greeting
51. Winter hazard
54. Fourth of July: 2 words
58. Pace
59. In the neighborhood
60. Got up
61. \_\_\_\_ wave, very hot weather
62. Rounded roof
63. Conversations

## Down

1. Time gone by
2. Aware of: slang
3. 'Stick around'
4. Title for Edward Elgar
5. Rapture
6. Peanut brittle, for one
7. Keep out of sight
8. TV commercials
9. Make lace
10. Hard-hitting campaign
11. Lasso
12. Prayer ending
13. Occident
18. Military assistant
19. Answer
23. Fish bait
24. Drying cloth
25. Wife of an uncle
26. He 'struts the boards'
27. Wedding gift
28. Mark of omission
29. Geometrical figure
30. Courageous
31. Artist's stand
32. Nomination in the race
34. Ship's crane
37. Small bottle
38. On the \_\_\_\_, active
40. Firm and fresh
41. Imitator
44. MGM symbol
45. Slumbered
46. At what place?
47. Fluke or flounder
48. Poker stake
49. 'Brain child'
50. Paradise resident
51. Pagan god
52. Barrel
53. Oculist's study
55. Carry to completion
56. Modernist: prefix
57. Notable period

## Classifieds

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## Court Dispositions



**May 15: Titus Barber**, Hoopeston, illegal consumption, pleaded guilty; \$100 total, 30 days to pay.

**Juana Caraballo**, Rantoul, deceptive practice and \$80.07 restitution, failed to appear; rule to show cause issued.

## In the hospital



**Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital**  
**May 27, 1997**

**Admitted:** none.

**Discharged:** Harold Johnson, Hoopeston; Margene Echard, Wellington.

## Weather



Partly sunny today with afternoon showers. High near 70. Tonight, continued showers. Low in the mid 50s. Tomorrow, showers and thunderstorms. High near 65, low near 53.